

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Schwartz for the indication that Claim 2 would be allowable if amended to include the subject matter recited in independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 2, and X=Claim 2 has been canceled. Also, new dependent Claims 3-10 are presented.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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